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Loadstar To Celebrate Two Millennium Bashes

Fender and Judi have decided to continue publishing Loadstar 64 at *least* through issue #199, the December 2000 issue. They are accepting subscriptions through issue #199 at the same \$69.95 price they've had for decades. After January 1, 2000, the price will be \$80.00. Write Loadstar now to extend your subscription for the Loadstar 64 disk Magazine.

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Can You Spell Frivolous?

By Jeff Jones. America Online has sued a small software firm called Tribal Voice over two words used in their software: *Buddy list*. Apparently AOL feels that if you're going to keep a list of your online

buddies, you had better *not* call that list "buddy list" because they thought of it first. Tribal Voice responded. "This lawsuit is gratuitous and unnecessary," said Richard Dym, vice president of marketing at Tribal Voice. "They



don't need to go after us. It's just a case of the big company trying to inflict pain on the smaller one."

The suit, filed in US District Court for the Northern District of California, claims that Tribal Communications' use of the term "buddy list" on its PowWow instant messaging service is a trademark infringement, since AOL used the term first in its AOL Instant Messenger service.

Tribal Voice claims that the term "buddy list" isn't owned by anyone. The Scotts Valley, California firm said that the phrase has been used on community bulletin boards for years, and 1999 editions of *Internet for Dummies* and *Webster's New World Dictionary of Computer Terminology* define it as non-company specific.

I'm afraid of how the courts will interpret this. Then again, Loadstar and Softdisk have produced a ton of software before the mega software companies emerged. We even posted some of

our software on AOL before it was AOL. Maybe we can sue anyone with the "please wait while loading..." message.

Remember back in the early 90s when Compton wanted to trademark *multimedia*, and anyone who wrote multimedia software would have to pay them toll? What next?

By the way, I recently learned that DC and Marvel Comics have trademarked the term, *superhero*. So watch yourself if you get into publishing comics. Maybe you should call your heroes *Super-duper* heroes.

God Save The Net

By Jeff Jones. You won't believe this, but you can pay someone to pray for you. Well, not really someone, but something. At <http://www.prayerwheel.com/>



You can pay for God to hear your prayers. Computers will repeat your prayers and send them in a loop all around the world. The company's founder, Richard Cavitch, sees the service as a way for busy people to alleviate guilt about forgetting to say prayers. "This site was developed for the continued devotion to God on a daily basis, every day, all the

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Jeff Goes Live On MP3. COM and Riffage.com

By Jeff Jones. What's an mp3? Well it stands for *mpeg layer 3*, which is a compressed motion picture format. Mpeg is short for *Moving Picture Experts Group*. Why a motion picture format to play music? Well a long time ago people realized that mpegs sound great, and since they are compressed, why not use them for music-only files? After all, ZIP down a 40 Mb sound file and you might compressed it all the way down to 39 Mb. Make it into an MP3 and you take it down to 3 Mb.

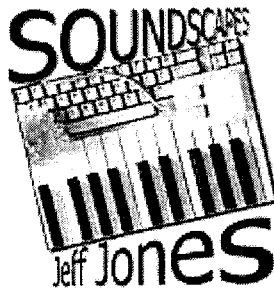
Some of you are asking, what's MP3.COM? It's a huge web site where nobodies like me can show off and sell their music. The three albums that I sell online are called DAM CDs (Digital Automatic Music), which contain audio tracks as well as computer files. Mp3.com makes all sorts of plays on the DAM word. These disks play on regular CD players, but PC people can copy the smaller (about one megabyte per minute) MP3 files to their software jukeboxes and play them without the CD. MP3.COM has tons of "free music" for PCers (I'm not sure about MAC people). A minimum of one cut from each of thousands of albums is available for download in MP3 format.

MP3 is a pseudo-compressed format which requires intensive computing power to decompress and play on the fly, but 128 KBPS MP3s are generally ten times as small as a standard CD-quality stereo wave file, which is roughly 170 kilobytes (or a whole 1541 disk) per second. 128 KBPS is 16384 bytes of data per second. In 1541 terms, that's 64 blocks per second.

Am I famous now? I made the top forty, and even the top ten in some categories — but this is based on free downloads, not actual sales. Let's just say that I'm waiting for sales to pick up. No, but now anyone in the world (who happens to be on the Internet, and has a non-maxed out credit card) can buy any of my three CDs (hint hint) for a mere \$7.99 each. Since July 28th is rapidly approaching, consider your purchase for yourself a birthday present for *me*. You can purchase my CDs for the lowest price at...

http://www.mp3.com/artists/24/jeffrey_l_jones.html

Sorry, offliners. Purchases are web-only with credit cards. No mail or telephone orders.



Soundsapes is an instrumental album

Rhonda & Jeff



You can Be Free is a Contemporary Christian album



Nothing's Better contains pop and love songs, and includes my (Jeff's) vocal debut.

WHAT'S AN MP3? CHECK OUT WWW.WEBOPEDIA. COM FOR ALL YOUR COMPUTER TERMINOLOGY QUESTIONS.

MP3 is the file extension for MPEG, audio layer 3. Layer 3 is a scheme (layer 1, layer 2 and layer 3 are common) for the compression of audio signals. Layer 3 uses perceptual audio coding and psychoacoustic compression to remove all information considered superfluous by the algorithm (sounds considered redundant and irrelevant parts of a sound signal — sounds the human ear doesn't hear anyway). In addition it adds a MDCT (Modified Discrete Cosine Transform) that implements a filter bank, increasing the frequency resolution 18 times higher than that of layer 2.

The result? In real terms layer 3 reduces the original sound data from a CD (with a *bitrate of 1411.2 kilobits per one second of stereo music) by a factor of 12 (down to 112-128kbps) without sacrificing sound quality.

*Bitrate denotes the average number of bits that one second of audio data will consume.

Because MP3 files are small, they can easily be transferred across the Internet. Controversy arises when copyrighted songs are sold and distributed illegally off of Web sites. On the other hand, musicians may be able to use this technology to distribute their own songs from their own Web sites to their listeners, thus eliminating the need for record companies. Costs to the consumer would decrease, and profits for the musicians would increase.

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time. All of our subscribers will have their prayers running continuously, but we encourage you to visit this site often, to see the prayers scrolling, and to meditate. Keep in mind that many, many other people may be praying with you, funneled through these channels. We hope and pray that the sheer number of so many of God's Children speaking to Him here will empower our prayers."

Of course, there's the fine print...

"(We make no warranties or guarantees, or implied guarantees that the prayers said will be heard or granted by God) Liability is limited from any causes pursuant to the specifications shall be limited to the replacement of the item or in money damages not to exceed the total price of the product purchased. No price refunds will be awarded, and all credit cards will be re-billed when the one-year product policy has expired. Under no circumstances will HC Tivac Inc. be responsible for special, indirect, consequential or incidental damages, even if HC Tivac has been notified of such damages or events."

Glitch in Y2K Test Spills 4 Million Gallons of Raw Sewage

By Jeff Jones. Los Angeles. On Friday, June 16, 1999, a glitch during a year 2000 computer test spilled 4 million gallons of raw sewage into a city park. The problem began when Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in Van Nuys guided an exercise to see how the facility's computers and other electronic systems would react to a Y2K-related power failure. An emergency generator kicked in as planned, but a computer failed to open an "effluent gate" that controls the flow of sewage into the plant, said Cora Jackson Fossett, spokeswoman for the city's Public Works Department.

Net Population Grows to 92 Million

By Jeff Jones. 92 million Canadians and Americans age 16 and older surf the Net, according to Internet Demographics, a survey conducted by CommerceNet and Nielsen Media Research. That's a 16 percent increase since 79 million were found online nine months ago.

Surge Protectors

By Jeff Jones. My computers, stereos and TVs are on surge protectors. My PlayStation isn't. We had a transformer blow (literally explode) and had a neighborhood blackout all Saturday morning. When the lights came back on, the PlayStation was dead. Don't tempt fate.

After Nearly 20 years of Computing, Jeff Finally Gets a Virus

By Jeff Jones. I was never afraid of viruses because I had never been infected. That's right -- *never*. I only download from trusted sites, and consider disks that I take to print houses infected and disposable. The senior instructor at the vocational college where I teach had been running around afraid of viruses. I thought he was paranoid. Then -- *it happened* on the job. I was showing a student how to close Microsoft Word when a window opened in the center of the screen

named "*class.poppy*." It read that my boss, by name, was "a big stupid jerk!" It wasn't a personal note. The virus would have called the owner of any computer a jerk. I was dumbfounded and embarrassed, but soon found that this macro virus infected three computers in my classroom, all the teacher "head" computers in the network, and student stations in other classrooms.

My boss was very concerned about this and had me come in the next day early to figure out how to clean the computers. It was difficult because merely reading an infected file would re-infect the computer. The virus infected the save option, always forcing a save, even when you opted not to save, ensuring that even if you only *read* a file, it would save it as an infected file when you quit -- but I prevailed. Still, I have a ton of work in infected files. I have to somehow separate my work from the virus. I think I can use the ship's transporter for that.

Loadstar In A Cesspool According To scorecard.org

By Jeff Jones. If you have OCD or are prone to living in a plastic bubble, skip this article. Moving? Wondering if you're building your home over an old landfill? If you venture out to www.scorecard.org you can find out just how contaminated your neighborhood is just by entering your zip code.

I learned that when I moved here from Gary IN, proud back-to-back murder capitol of the world, I went from a county that produced 30,000 tons of animal

waste to a parish that produces 120,000 tons.

You can read for hours about your community. Should I move? Of course I take this all with a grain of salt. Some people are over-excitable or have agendas. You be the judge. Shreveport's Air Quality: Health Risks from Hazardous Air Pollutants. In 1990, this county ranked in the top 20% of all counties in the US in terms of noncancer hazards from hazardous air pollutants 227,544 people in CADD0 Parish face a cancer risk more than 100 times the goal set by the Clean Air Act. 72% of the air cancer risk is from mobile sources 27% of the air cancer risk is from area sources 1.4% of the air cancer risk is from point sources.

The menu of scary links read like this — and each link leads to a detailed sub-report.

- What's Your Risk?
- Learn more about hazardous air pollutants in your community
- Air Quality: Does Your Community Meet Clean Air Act Standards? How clean is Your Air? Who is polluting Your Air with nitrogen oxides?
- Learn more about criteria air pollutants in your community
- Toxic Chemical Releases from Manufacturing Facilities
- Who is polluting Your Community?
- What are the Major Pollutants? Learn more about pollution from manufacturing plants in your community
- Agricultural Pollution
- How does Your Community Compare?
- Learn more about animal waste from factory farms in your community
- Ambient air quality
- Drinking water quality Hazardous waste
- Radon
- Surface water quality

I highly recommend this site, especially if you're gathering data for term papers — or running for mayor and want to trash the incumbent.

PD Flatbed SCSI Scanner Driver For Geos

By R. Hackley. Ronny Bachmann has developed a public domain, GEOS 128 80-column application to use with a flatbed scanner connected to a C128 via a CMD hard drive. Ronny and brother, Roy, demonstrated the scanning program at last autumn's Hobby & Elektronik Fair in Germany. The program allows two choices-- importing the graphics as a GeoPaint document or forwarding the scanned image at 300x300 dpi directly to an Epson ESC/P2 printer (like an Epson Stylus 850) for optimum quality. The program only works with a special scanner, the PRIMAX JEWEL 4800, which is available in Europe. <http://www.primax.nl/> Other scanners don't use the normal SCSI scan commands in the right way, and the program would have to be modified in order to use those.

The following are other Bachmann programs:

- CD-ROM 64/128-- a disk driver for the GateWay-system. A SCSI CD-ROM drive can be used as a normal GEOS drive.
- InstallGW-Driver 64/128-- a GEOS-program which can install GateWay-disk drivers without using the GateWay-system.
- PrintText 64/128-- a GEOS-program similar to the other German program TextPrint

but specially made for Epson ESC/P2-printers. A user can print in all included fonts of the printer, and proportional fonts can be used in all styles. The text can be printed in different colors.

- DoubleDesk 128-- a new desktop similar to the Dualtop. A user must have GateWay when he wants to use the DoubleDesk. This desktop supports 4 drives. It's specially made for the CD-ROM-driver, and the user can copy normal PC files from CD to Commodore-disks.
- HD-ZIP 64/128-- a small tool with which a user can start in the normal Basic-Mode of the C64/128. It changes the number of the current SCSI-drive in the RAM of the CMD-HD. After starting, the current hard drive won't be used any longer, because the SCSI-drive with the inputted SCSI-number will be used. A user can format for example a ZIP-disk or SyQuest-disk.
- ESC/P2-GC 64/128-- a printer driver for Epson ESC/P2-printers and needs 64kB of the REU. It can print in text and in graphic mode. When printing graphics, a user can choose between 180, 360 and 720 dpi. The print can also be scaled down. When a colored graphic is sent to the driver it will also be print in color (only 8 colors, not 16). GeoMark can save a teacher's grades for different subjects (for the German grades 1 - 6).

DoubleDesk 128: DM 35.00 =
EURO 17.90 -> US-\$ 20.11
PrintText 64+128: DM 25.00 =
EURO 12.78 -> US-\$ 14.36 CD-

ROM 64+128: DM 10.00 =
EURO 5.11 -> US-\$ 5.74
geoMark 64+128: DM 15.00 =
EURO 7.67 -> US-\$ 8.62 Postage
is approximately 8.00
Deutschmarks.

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Commodore Aids User With Failing Eyesight

By R. Hackley. Rolf Miller,
March 1998 issue of Mailink's
Meeting COM64/128 User's
Through The Mail

A reporter for the local
newspaper (who plans to write a
story about the subject) recently
asked, "Why do so many people
persist in using Commodore?" My
initial response echoed what many
say: 'It continues to fulfill all my
needs. Nevertheless, there is a
reason why this little 1/16th
megabyte, 1mhz machine persists.
The following illustrates this:

An elderly man, whose sight
had failed, gave up on using a
typewriter because of the garbled
results that occurred when his
fingers wandered off the home
row keys. The suggestion that he
get a word processor was met
with two objections. First was the
cost, but the second is what really
scuttled the idea. While a garbled
text on a word processor could be
edited before the printing, his wife
would be the one to do the
retyping.

A Commodore 64 answered
both questions. First, cost is
hardly an issue when it comes to
the C64 system, especially since a

monitor isn't needed: the COM
can utilize a TV. Second, the
Talker version of the Write Stuff
word processor reads aloud what
is typed. The options include
speaking the characters as they are
keyed, saying just a word, reading
a sentence or paragraph, or
reading the entire text; another
option spells aloud any words
desired. Other options read the
commands in the menu line, the
filenames in the load menu, the
printer settings in the print menu,
and any message reported to the
display.

So, while his wife loads the
printer and sets up the printing, he
types to his hearts content without
the further need of intervention.
That is why so many people
continue to use the Commodore.

Centipede Goes PD

Adam "Ant" Fanello of
Bugsoft has announced that
Centipede BBS, as well as its
predecessor V128, are now a part
of the public domain. A hard
drive failure caused a loss of
Bugsoft's distribution method. A
lack of sales and shortage of
interest has made reworking and
rebuilding unworthy of the time
commitment. Parts of Centipede
can be found at-- <http://www.bugsoftware.com/centipede/free.html>

Topdesk V3.4

TopDesk v3.4, the latest
version of the desktop
enhancement for GEOS 64 and
GEOS 128, has been released. It
is compatible with the Creative
Micro Designs SuperCPU and
RAMLink. The complete
program is 45 deutschmarks; an

update from previous TopDesk
versions is 15 deutschmarks.
MasterCard accepted. MegaCom
Software, Brita Grimm,
Legenfelder Hof 1, D-78652
DeiBlingen. Telephone: 07420-
1324. FAX: 07420-2608. Home
page-- <http://home.t-online.de/home/megacomsoft>
Re: CMDS WEB SITE...

CMD Addresses The Presence Of MAC And PC Items On Their Web Site

By CMD. Our 'other' platform
support began as a local business
about two years ago with repairs
and upgrades on Macintosh
equipment. This was started to
make up for the natural slow-
down in Commodore sales. As
sales of Commodore products
continued to decline, we added
system sales for Macintosh and
Windows platforms and a number
of other services related to these
platforms to the local business.
The changes on the Web site are
not an indication of some major
shift that has just occurred in our
business philosophy, but are
rather just now finally reflecting
the changes that have come to our
business over the past couple of
years. The decision to change the
site actually has more to do with
recently produced advertising for
that part of what we do than with
anything else. There's been no
change in the marketing status of
our Commodore products over the
past year or so... we'll continue to
make the products as long as they
sell in quantities sufficient to
make this feasible. We have no
preconceived notion of how long
that will be, we'll simply analyze
this as major expenditures for

Commodore manufacturing arise. As for the development of new Commodore products, there's nothing major planned for the future (as I believe I have mentioned several times over the past few months). However, there may be one or two smaller projects that do get addressed in the next few months. While we'd like to do more than that, the size of the current (buying) market simply doesn't make this possible.

Creative Micro Designs is currently preparing production of new power supplies for the Commodore 64 and 128. The same supply will be used for both models, with the main difference being the power connector. The new supply is equivalent to the supply used in the (metal) Commodore 128D computer, which means it will serve as a 'heavy duty' supply when used on Commodore 64 computers. The new design, one of two Commodore projects currently underway at CMD, was undertaken due to a shortage of new 128 and heavy-duty 64 power supplies. It is rumored that the new p.s. will be fan-cooled. Further details will be published when the new supplies are ready for shipment.

Meanwhile, CMD has discontinued production on the SID Symphony Stereo cartridges. After selling out of the last SID Symphony Stereo cartridges, and after considering the costs involved in producing another run, increasing prices for new SID chips, and the very low sales volume associated with the product, the company decided not to pursue further production at this time.

Now that SID Symphony Stereo cartridges are discontinued,

Nate Dannenberg has his Dual SID, a plug-in internal stereo SID expander board for the C64 or C128. It requires two SID chips, which normally would consist of the stock SID chip plus one extra that a user must supply. The board includes a disable switch and output jack, which must be mounted to the back or side of the computer. Price--\$20 With one SID chip--\$35 Contact Nate at: natedac@southwind.net Web page-- www2.southwind.net/natedac

* Subject: Commodore Support Forums and Web Boards - 20 June 1999

Commodore Support Forums and Web Boards - 20 June 1999

From: wanderer@cyberdude.com (DickC). This is a list of all known Commodore support forums and web boards maintained on the Internet, sorted alphabetically by site entrance name. The list is published at least once per month (preferably twice per month), with no set schedule. The latest copy is always available at

<ftp://jbrain.com/pub/cbm/faq/cbm-supp-web-sites.txt> and <ftp://videocam.net.au/cbm/info-txt/cbm-forums-webboards-list.txt> (normally within minutes of arriving at the server). Certain items are abbreviated and those abbreviations can be found near the end of this document, after the credits. Readers are encouraged to upload this list to any BBS or Web Site and to notify me of any additions/changes/corrections or

recommendations.

If you would like to receive a copy of this list each time it is published, send a new email message to wanderer@cyberdude.com. If you wish to keep the list updated in any publication or online service, feel free to do so. Search strings are provided at the end of this document.

Snakeman's HTML version of this list can be found at <http://www.wipd.com/~snakeman/cbmforum.html> and will be updated shortly after this list is posted.

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Brotkasten-Corner <http://www.8bit.com/discourse/THEMEN0.HTM> The language is German but English is accepted.

C64 Game Index Message Board <http://www.insidetheweb.com/messageboard/mbs.cgi/mb64253> C64 Games and Emulator chat.

CCS64 Message Board <http://www.fatal-design.com/cgi-bin/ccs64bbs/index.cgi>

Commodore 64 Pages <http://www.crud.com/c64> (Entrance Page) "Commodore Message Base" and "Buy/Sell/Trade Message Base"

Commodore Message Board <http://forums.delphi.com/m/main.asp?sigdir=commodore> Free registration required to log on.

COMMODORE ZONE - Discussion Board <http://www.insidetheweb.com/messageboard/mbs.cgi/mb229307> Discussion Board for Commodore 64 emulators and games.

COMMODORE ZONE - REQUEST ZONE <http://www.INSIDETheWeb.com/mbs.cgi/mb36363> This message board is for Commodore 64/Amiga - Emulators and Games.

M.U.L.E. Message Board

<http://www.insidetheweb.com/messageboard/mbs.cgi/mb241554>
Keeping the game alive and available.

Oasis Commodore Web Board
<http://www.InsideTheWeb.com/mbs.cgi/mb349989> This board is primarily for publishing news concerning the web site, but can also be used for discussions of your choosing. It's unmoderated, but I'll delete anything that is not related to the site or Commodore computers.

The BackYard Message Board
<http://www.InsideTheWeb.com/mbs.cgi/mb153941>

The Commodore 64 Message Board
<http://www.InsideTheWeb.com/mbs.cgi/mb26669> Talk about the best machine ever - Commodore 64.

TIFCU Web Board <http://videocam.net.au/tifcu/bb/>
Commodore Internet/telecoms topics and general conversations.

TLDCREW's C64 Message board
<http://www.insidetheweb.com/messageboard/mbs.cgi/mb293937> C64 news, games, pictures and music. Place your game requests or write comments on how the page could be better.

Toxic's Closet <http://www.InsideTheWeb.com/mbs.cgi/mb22861>

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Pocket Writer Plans

By R. Hackley. Next on Maurice Randall's list of things to do... Pocket Writer 2. He has now successfully booted Pocket Writer 64 from a 1581 and all the CMD devices. He has written an installer program that takes the original PW2 disk and copies the program data to the necessary files on the target destination, such as the 1581. All the fast load code from PW2 has been removed, and so JiffyDOS is necessary. He's adding the ability to install side 2 of the PW disk for the 128/80 column users. If desired, all 3 word processors and the spell checker will be able to reside in the same directory when they are installed. As soon as the installer program is completely finished and the testing is all done, he'll make the installer available on his website, on his BBS, and at Delphi Commodore library.

New Novaterm

Gaelyne Gasson, famed Commodore writer, is beta testing Nick Rossi's Novaterm v10 terminal program. It works in either C128-80 column mode all the way through or in C64 mode. Other features are being kept secret for the time being.

NESSIDPlay

NESSIDPlay has been updated to v3.1. NESSIDPlay is a program for the C64 which plays music from Nintendo NES, Gameboy, and Sega Master System games. This latest version of the program has a frequency analyzer that displays the pitch of each sound channel onscreen.

The program can be found at Chris Covell's homepage: www.sfu.ca/ccovell/nessidplay/

GeoWrite Upgrade

Todd Elliott, Commodore programmer, is working on a patch to upgrade GeoWrite 128 to v2.2. His long-term plans are to make GW 128 memory-resident, add a more flexible way of selecting more than 7 fonts, and allow the user to choose a desk accessory anywhere in the system. So far, he has removed the kernal ID number check, unserialized the program, rewritten certain dialog/disk icons, their boxes, and their uses; and added 4-drive support. He reports that his beta version of the patched GeoWrite works fine with GEOS 2.0 or with Wheels 128. Todd Elliott can be reached at: eyethian@juno.com

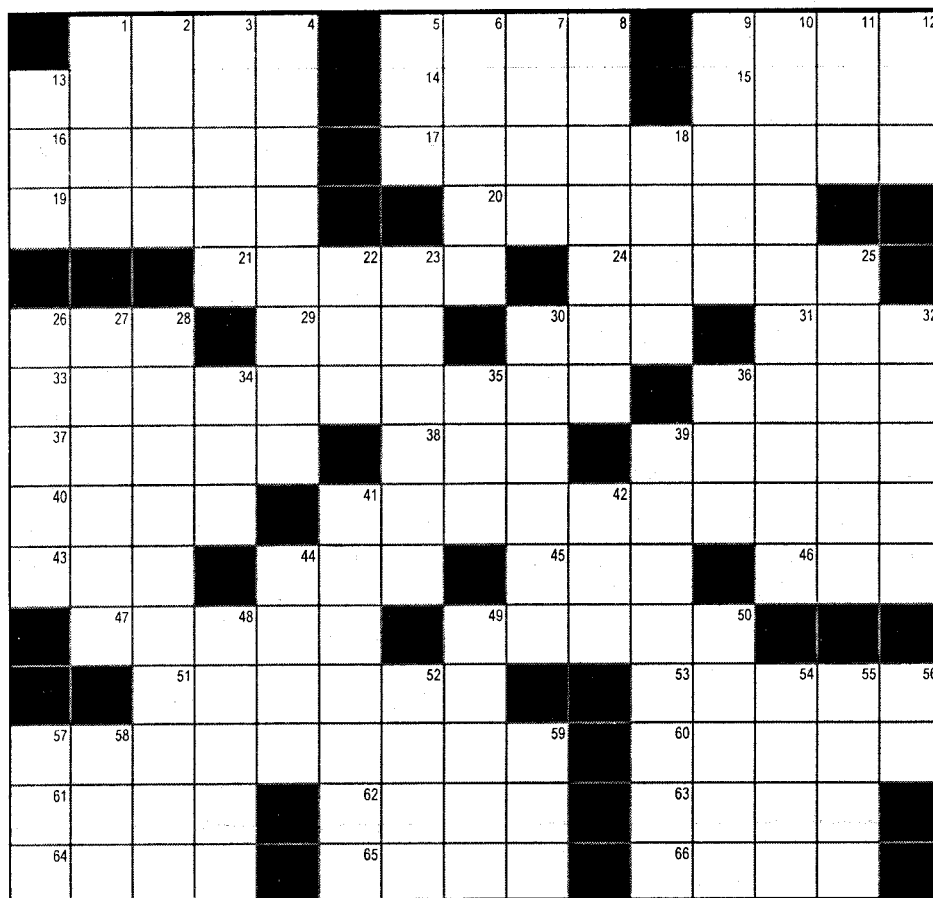
Meanwhile, Werner Weicht in Germany is working on his own v2.2 patch for GeoWrite, though there is no information on whether it will be for GeoWrite 64 or for GeoWrite 128. This patch will allow GeoWrite to access drives C and D. Currently, the patch will only be available for the German version of GeoWrite. For more information, contact Werner Weicht at: werner-weicht@geobox3.fido.de or Markus Kanet at: markus64@t-online.de

Congo v2.2

Some pictures in the PC world have no known graphics conversion program in a Commodore. However, a new PC program has been developed that can save these graphics in Commodore-viewable formats

Fender's Crossword Corner

DOWN



This puzzle was created using Barbara Schulak's Cruciverbalist, published on Loadstar.

ACROSS

1. Mast
5. Pasternak heroine
9. Air conditioner letters
13. Excelled
14. Do Fender's work
15. A crochet or quaver may be one
16. Doggerel dabblers
17. Hi-Fis of the 40s
19. Send a payment
20. Ancient Balkan country
21. Closefitting caps
24. Not suitable
26. Mem. of the bar
29. --- v. Wade
30. School group
31. In what manner?
33. Adapted for seizing
36. Marquand's Mr. _____
37. Angered

38. Chamomile is one
39. More rational
40. Sword
41. Coach and Woody were two
43. To make moist (archaic)
44. Funnyman Brooks
45. Don't Bring Me Down band
46. Orly denizen
47. Locks preceder
49. Blockhead
51. Astronaut Buzz
53. Sweet wine
57. Precursors to CD players
60. Manufacture evidence
61. Sweetheart to Bakker?
62. Fisherman's hut
63. Absolute
64. Famous lioness
65. Novice
66. Safe spots

1. Casino dealing device
2. Longfellow work
3. Caper
4. Brought back
5. My Name is Asher ---, Potok novel
6. Mine entrances
7. Full of humor
8. Worn by rubbing (archaic)
9. Brain scientist
10. Bell's devices
11. Olympic chant, for some
12. Blvds and pkwys
13. Seasonal abbr.
18. Rescue at ----, Vakalis program
22. Charged particle
23. Joyous
25. Carriers
26. ----- -ski, type of fashion
27. Camera stand
28. Morse devices
30. Coated with metal
32. Most bad
34. --- Haw, cornball TV show
35. Suffix denoting more
36. Insane
39. Had a -----, drunk
41. Doctor's order
42. Teacher of Samuel
44. Mom's anti-booze org.
48. Maria -----, Los Tabalajaras hit
49. Cartoonist's aide
50. Rich cake
52. Gross!
54. Kiss Me _____, Broadway show
55. Iowa burg
56. --- Blues, Lennon song
57. Article
58. Indian mulberry
59. Jack ---, Barney Miller actor

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(taking into account PC to Commodore file conversion by Little Red Reader or Big Blue Reader). Matthias Matting has released Congo v2.2 as freeware. ConGo is a PC program that is a C64/PC graphics converter and includes a full-fledged paint program, Congo-Paint. ConGo can load and edit the following graphics files: GIF, BMP, PCX, PNG, JPG, TIF, Koala, Koala compressed, Runpaint, GeoPaint, Doodle, Amica Paint, IFLI, OCP Art Studio, GoDot-4Bit, GEOS-Album, GEOS-Photoscrap, pictures in GeoWrite files, Printshop, Printmaster, CDU-Paint, Vidcom 64, Artist 64, Image System, and others. It can convert and save the files as GIF, BMP, PCX, PNG, JFG, TIF, Koala, Bitmap, and GoDot. Congo-Paint has such functions as: dot, line, rectangle, ellipse, spray, fill, copy and paste, text, and arc; and it has such effects as: bleed, blur, bright/dark, color, curl, edge detection, engrave, enhance, gray area, gamma, invert, jiggle, mirror, mosaic, motion, noisy, oil paint, pinch hole, pixel fix, polar, rotate, sharp, spray, whirlpool, and wave image. ConGo's minimum requirements are a Pentium 133 PC with Windows 95/98 and a display of 800x600 with 256 colors. To download ConGo v2.2, go to www.8bit.com/congo.html

Commodore Only Postscript (COPS)

After much talk on the Commodore-Only PostScript (COPS) mail-list, a bug has been discovered with GeoWrite and GeoPublish. When a GeoWrite file runs through GeoPublish, the

GeoWrite file becomes corrupted and no longer in the same form to be used by GeoWrite again. However, the program, Unpublish, will transform the GeoWrite file back to its original state and keep it that way, even if put back into GeoPublish. Unpublish is available at Irv Cobb's website: www.radiks.net/irv-cobb/geos/unpublish.cvt Use the programs, Convert or GeoConvert '98, to get change the file into a GEOS file. From the Lucky Report, September 1998

Gate(s) Way To Ridicule

(At a recent computer expo, Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry and stated: 'If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1000 miles to the gallon.'

In response, General Motors issued the following press release. (I found this article in the USA Fax Times, dated July 25, 1998.

If GM had developed technology like Microsoft; we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines on the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason, and you would just accept this, restart and casually drive on.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you have to reinstall the engine.

5. Only one person at a time could use the car, unless you bought "C95" or "CNT". But then it could only run on 5% of the roads.

6. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to operate, but it could only run on five percent of the roads!

7. A single "general car default warning light would replace the oil, water temperature, alternator, warning lights.

8. New seats would force everyone to have the same size derriere.

9. Should the car crash head-on into any large object, the airbag system would ask "Are you sure? Before going off.

10. Occasionally for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key, and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.

11. GM would require all car buyers to also purchase a deluxe set of Rand McNally road maps (now a GM subsidiary), although they neither need them nor want them. Attempting to delete this option would immediately cause the car's performance to diminish by 50% or more. Moreover, GM would become a target for investigation by the Justice Department.

12. Every time GM introduced a new model, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

Thanks to Ruth Hackley for supplying a ton of news via email.

28 Things You Will Never Hear Your Wife Say...

1. I was wrong.
2. I see your point.
3. I can change.
4. You don't like that?
5. You know, I've been complaining a lot lately. I don't blame you for ignoring me.
6. I know I'm sleepy and my parents are in the other room, I still want you right now!
7. This porno scene is boring, fast forward to the action.
8. Gosh! You're flattened sick with a cold! Poor baby. I know you feel just as bad as I do when I have a cold.
9. Don't dirty up your T-shirt wiping that up, use my blouse.
10. That was fun, when will all of your friends be over to watch football again?
11. The new girl in my office is a stripper, I invited her over for dinner on Friday.
12. While you were in the bathroom, they went for it on fourth down and missed. If they can hold them to a field goal they'll still cover the spread.
13. I liked that wedding even more than ours. Your ex-girlfriend has class.
14. I love hearing stories about your old girlfriends, tell me more.
15. I like using this new lawn mower so much more than the old one, what a wonderful Valentine's day!
16. Let's just leave the toilet seat "up" at all times, then you don't have to mess with it anymore.
17. I've decided to buy myself silicone implants. Look at these magazines and tell me: How big do you want 'em?
18. It's only the third quarter, you should order a couple more pitchers.
19. My mother is going to take care of the tab, so order another round for you and your friends.
20. I'm so happy with my new hairstyle, I don't think I'll ever change it again.
21. I love when my pillow smells like your cigars and scotch. You passed out before brushing your teeth again, ya' big silly!
22. You are so much smarter than my father.
23. Let's just be fair and leave both lids down. The toilet was designed that way anyway.
24. Men have it tough sometimes, too.
25. I know I can get on your nerves sometimes and I'm sorry.
26. You like my hair better the way it's always been? I'll change it back.
27. Thanks for letting me know.
28. I'm sorry I mishandled your expensive doohickey. I realize that it's fragile and that, no, you don't love it more than me.

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